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The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPH&SS), Mr. James W. Gillan, announces that the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for 2012-2013 made some changes to the benefits available. Effective February 2012, children aged 6-12 will be eligible for after-school care in only two programs:

1. The Department of Youth Affairs After School Program (ASCP) or,
2. The Department of Education Extended Day Program known as DEED

Parents are encouraged to transfer their children aged 6-12 to the DYA or DEED program during the month of January 2012. Effective February 2012 service month, CCDF will no longer pay for after-school care services provided in a Child Care Center or Family in-home setting. Parents who wish to leave their children in these facilities will be responsible for full payment. Parents who choose to have their children participate in the DEED program will be required to pay a \$75 fee every three months; CCDF however, will reimburse those fees.

Parents are reminded that if their children aged 6-12 are not enrolled in DEED or in the DYA After School Program by February 01, 2012, they will be responsible for the full child care costs in a child care center or family in-home setting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carmelita Babauta, Program Coordinator at 735-7192 or Ms. Elsa Perez, Administrator, Bureau of Economic Security at 735-7329.



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